

TAKE PRIDE[®] IN AMERICA

It's Your Land, Lend A Hand



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Take Pride in America recognizes volunteers in two ways:

1. Recognition based upon hours of service.

Take Pride in America recognizes the many hours of volunteer service in support of the stewardship of America's public lands and cultural and historic sites. The recognition of volunteers based upon their hours of service is done in partnership with Department of the Interior bureaus and with USA Freedom Corps as follows:

2,000 Hours – Recognition of volunteers at this level of service is by the agency or bureau and consists of a certificate of merit signed by the Director of the applicable bureau or agency.

3,000 Hours – Recognition is by a Take Pride in America certificate of merit signed by the Secretary of the Interior.

4,000 Hours – Recognition of volunteers at this level of service is by the "Call to Service" certificate of merit from the USA Freedom Corps.

Special youth volunteer recognition is presented in cooperation with the USA Freedom Corps to volunteers between the ages of 5 and 14 who have completed 50 hours of volunteer service within the previous 12 months, or for volunteers 15-18 upon completion of 100 hours of volunteer service in the previous twelve months.



NPS Volunteers on the C & O Canal

2. Annual awards for outstanding volunteer projects.

The national awards presented annually recognize specific volunteer projects and efforts of individuals, organizations, youth, and public/private partnerships. These awards are given for outstanding stewardship involving federal, state, local, tribal and private lands, and cultural or historic sites. These awards are presented on the basis of nominations made and submitted to TPIA. Finalists and winners are selected by a panel of reviewers and awards are presented at an annual ceremony in Washington, D.C.